

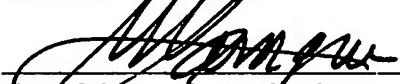
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 are allowed. Claims 19-20 were rejected and are canceled by the foregoing amendment, rendering the rejection moot.

In view of the foregoing amendment, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowance of claims 1-18 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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